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Note by the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General has the honour to transmit to the Statistical Commission the report of the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Statistical Activities of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC) on the proposal for the establishment of an inter-agency task force on services statistics, which is contained in the annex.

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Annex

PROPOSAL FOR AN INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE ON SERVICES STATISTICS

Report of the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Statistical Activities of the Administrative Committee on Coordination

1. The ACC Subcommittee on Statistical Activities, at its twenty-seventh session (6-8 September 1993), agreed to the establishment of a task force on services statistics, focusing on international trade in services in the first instance and broadening to a fuller coverage of services at a later stage, subject to the identification of an appropriate convener (E/CN.3/1994/4, para. 27, subpara. (a)). The Working Group, at its sixteenth session (13-16 September 1993), confirmed the establishment of that task force, on the understanding that the ACC Subcommittee on Statistical Activities would find a convener (E/CN.3/1994/2, para. 14).

2. I have carried out consultations with several agencies on the matter of finding a convener. However, no convener has yet been identified, so that at present the establishment of the task force is expected to await the conclusion of the work of one of the existing task forces.